4th December 1947] [Mr. President]

"The Madras Prohibition (Temporary Amendment) Bill 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 36 of 1947).

The Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Bill 1947 (L.A. Bill, No. 17 of 1947).

The Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 21 of 1947).

(2) On 28th November 1947. The Madras Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Extension to Agricultural Land) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1947).

(3) On 29th November 1947. The Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 28 of 1947).

(4) On 1st December 1947 The Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1947).

(5) On 2nd December 1947. The Madras Marumakkattayam (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1947).

The Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1947).

and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council."

V.—SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1947–48.

* THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the Demands for Grants for further expenditure and detailed supplementary estimates thereof for the year 1947–48. As I promised some time ago in this House, I am presenting this supplementary demand for the second time in the year and I propose to bring another one at the end of March 1948, for all items of expenditure which will come under 'New services.' Most of the items in the present estimate are administrative items of expenditure and the more important of them are items (5), (8) and (12).

" Item (5) deals with Police. This supplementary expenditure is due to the new measures which the Government are taking in these days of panic and confusion and due to various other disturbing factors that are prevailing at present both in this Province and in

[Sri B. Gopala Reddi] [4th December 1947

the country. The estimated recurring extra cost on account of officers and staff is Rs. 37,13,300 per annum ultimately and the cost in 1947–48 is expected to be Rs. 9,28,300. The non-recurring cost involved is Rs. 77,41,000.

" The next important item is rural water-supply under item (5) —Public Health. We wanted to have a separate fund created for the purpose, to the extent of Rs. 1 crore to start with, as hon. Members are aware of the urgency of providing protected water-supply in the rural parts of the Province. There was an insistent demand, as hon. Members know, that a separate fund should be created for the purpose and that priority should be given to rural water-supply schemes. Just now we had an occasion to discuss about cholera and the imperative need for providing protected water-supply to prevent cholera in the rural parts. This fund is created with Rs. 1 crore to start with and a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs is to be set apart from the current year's revenue.

" Then item (11)—Miscellaneous Departments—is also important. We propose to give additional grants for Harijan hostels to the extent of Rs. 2,62,105 per annum.

" The other items are only ordinary administrative matters and I need not dilate upon them. We will have a general discussion of this Supplementary Demand on the 8th of this month, when we meet here."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" These estimates will be discussed on the 8th of this month."

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS PROBATION OF OFFENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 34 OF 1947).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

> '*that the Madras Probation of Offenders (Amendment) Bill* [a], *1947 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1947), as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, 1936, a Probation Officer is a person to be approved by the Provincial Government and any other person not approved by the Government is not deemed to be a Probation Officer in the opinion of the Court. The Government in April 1946 provincialized the posts of Probation Officers administering the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, 1936, and decided that the Chief Probation Officer should be included in the Provincial Srevice and that the district probation officers should be included in the subordinate service, their appointments being made by the Inspector-General of Prisons. It is not possible under the Act as it now stands for the Inspector-General of Prisons to appoint district probation officers and all appointments have to be made by the Government, as otherwise they will

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 50 infra.